

VARSITY CHORAL SOCIETY

presents

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“Mass in F Major” K. 192, by W.A. Mozart

and

A Program of Christmas Music

Under the direction of
Craig S. Tocher

Organist
Eric Birk

Pianist
Bernadette Hoke

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Congregational Church, Manhasset

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--PROGRAM--

Part 1

Mass in F. Major, K. 192

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Soloists

Molly Davey, soprano
Melissa Maravell, alto
Robert Horowitz, tenor
Stan Lacy, baritone

Instrumentalists

Eric Birk, Organ
Anton Polezhayev, violin
Megan Atchley, viola
Daeil Yang, cello
Kageki Nagao, bass violin

Kyrie (soprano and alto solos, quartet, chorus)

Gloria (soprano and tenor solos, quartet, chorus)

Credo (baritone solo, quartet, chorus)

Sanctus (chorus)

Benedictus (quartet and chorus)

Agnus Dei (soprano, alto and tenor solos)

Dona Nobis (chorus)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is among the greatest composers of Western music. During his short life, Mozart composed more than 600 works, and started composing when he was, at most, five years old (as some scholars think he started when he was four). He wrote the Mass in F major when he was seventeen years old. The Credo of the mass has a theme of “Do-Re-Fa-Mi” which Mozart later used as the main theme in the final movement of his “Jupiter” Symphony.

Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Soloist

Jason Hendrix, baritone

Ralph Vaughan Williams, a British composer, composed this piece in 1912, which was rather early in his composition career. It consists of the English folk carols “The truth sent from above”, “Come all you worthy gentlemen” and “On Christmas night all Christians sing’ (a/k/a the “Sussex Carol”).

--INTERMISSION--

Part 2

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
Jason Hendrix, baritone

Trad. French carol
Denise Puricelli, piano

Mary Did You Know
Joseph d'Angelo, tenor

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
Craig Tocher, piano

Jesu Bambino
Robert Horowitz, tenor

Pietro Yon
Craig Tocher, organ

Keep Christmas With You
April Lindevald

Samuel Pottle, music, David Axelrod, lyrics
Craig Tocher, piano

Jing-a-Ling
Nancy Morris, Jan Richardson, Lynne Stebbins

Paul Smith
Craig Tocher, piano

Panis Angelicus
Stan Lacy, baritone

César Franck
Craig Tocher, organ

O Holy Night
Jane Murphy, soprano

Adolphe Adam
David Barnett, piano

The Cherry Tree Carol
Melissa Maravell, contralto

Trad. Appalachian carol

**Irving Berlin's Christmas
Choir**

Irving Berlin/arr. Brymer & Brown
Bernadette Hoke, piano

AUDIENCE SING ALONG

Led by Clyde Locke, singer emeritus
Craig Tocher, organ

O Come All Ye Faithful, Angels We Have Heard on High, O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Silent Night, We Wish You a Merry Christmas

CHOIR PERSONNEL

SOPRANOS

Nancy Corn
Rose Hartunian
Nancy Morris

Molly Davey
Jane Murphy
Lynne Stebbins

ALTOS

Carolina Capone
Janice Donoghue
April Lindevald
Doris Whittemore

Linda Collins
Susan Getting
Jan Richardson

TENORS

Joseph D'Angelo
Albert Malafronte

Robert Horowitz
Melissa Maravell

BASSES

David Barnett
Douglas Horowitz
Douglas Stebbins

Jason Hendrix
Stan Lacy

AUDIENCE SING-ALONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born.
Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!
Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!

Please bring us some figgy pudding,
Please bring us some figgy pudding,
Please bring us some figgy pudding,
Please bring it right here!

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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